

EAA CHAPTER 75 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

May 8, 2024

CALL TO ORDER - Greg Stopyra called the meeting to order at 5:30pm at the Revv conference room.

BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDANCE:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greg Stopyra - President | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carl Brown |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rily Grunwald - Vice-President | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Summer Kuehl |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Travis Baldwin - Secretary | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Craig Olson |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Liz Richards - Treasurer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adam Santic |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chris Welvaert |

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ron Ehrecke

Nick Anagnos

Jim Smith

Tim Baldwin

APPROVAL OF CHAPTER BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES: Motion to approve the April minutes as published 04/12/2024 made by Craig Olson, seconded by Carl Brown. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The XXXX 2024 Monthly Financial Report sent via email on XXXX. Motion to accept by 1111, seconded by 2222. The motion XXXX. No April report to be voted on at this time.

PAST ACTION ITEMS:

1. Rily Grunwald - 2023 Chapter Annual Financial Audit. Need a motion to Accept Annual Financial Audit (internal member review) if complete. This is an Annual Bylaw Requirement either by a non-board chapter member or external CPA. Previous board determined that a CPA should only be used when we have a new treasurer. Using a non-board chapter member will satisfy the annual bylaw requirement. [March projected completion](#). *Ron Ehrecke completed our financial audit on 05/08/2024 with satisfactory results.*

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2. Greg Stopyra - PA system proposals. Greg Stopyra provided a chapter member interested in donating the PA system with the final cost of the full system of \$1296.63. Purchase is pending confirmation from Treasurer and Debit Card information. Check from the donor has been received and deposited in the amount of \$1,500 on 05/04/2024.

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3. Jenny Wilson - 2024 Ray Scholarship Awardee.

Next Steps:

1. Student applies online with EAA (formal application to EAA) - [Target May Completion](#)
2. EAA approves by 10th of following month - [Target June](#)
3. Training must begin within 30 days of that EAA approval
 - i. Solo in 3 months
 - ii. Written complete in 6 months
 - iii. Checkride in 12 months

How do we announce the winner? Immediately or after they apply on the EAA website? Press release / TV news? Big Check Photo? *Student has selected Summer Kuehl and Quad Cities Aero for flight training.*

4. Greg Stopyra - 2024 Air Academy Scholarships. EAA Accepted all three of our Air Academy Scholarship applicants. From previous chapter motions, our chapter must pay the remaining balance of \$3,075 to EAA for the youth to attend. Action to Treasurer to submit that payment (cc'd on emails from EAA Air Academy POC).

5. Adam Santic - 2024 Summer Potluck Series. We are 1 month from our Summer potluck season (June, July, August). We allocated \$180 of our 2024 budget (\$60 each) to support these events.

1. June 8 - Dr. Steve Boardman will host it at the Village Oaks Airport (60IA) in Blue Grass, IA
 1. **Main Menu:** Sloppy Joes and Pulled Pork
 2. **NOTES:** Dr. Steve Boardman texted me on April 11, 2024, confirming that he will be open to once again host the summer potluck scheduled for June 8th at his hangar located at the Village Oaks Airport (60IA) in Blue Grass, IA. Sloppy Joe's and Pulled Pork sandwiches will be served as the main course. Steve will provide the chairs and tables. **In order to serve this main course, someone will have to prepare it and bring it. Also, drinks will need to be brought as well (Coffee, Water, Pop).** *Liz has volunteered to prepare the pulled pork, and Carl will prepare the Sloppy Joes.*
2. July 13th - Jim Smith & Ed Leahy will host the potluck at Jim's hangar (I-3) that is located at the Davenport Municipal Airport (DVN/KDVN).
 1. **Main Menu:** Bratwurst, Hotdogs and Sauerkraut.

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2. **Notes:** Date confirmed with Jim Smith on April 10, 2024. In addition to not taking any money for the funds we set aside for the Summer Potluck, he will fund the event entirely on his own behalf. If you want to help them setup, they usually start at 8:30 AM

3. August 10 - EAA Chapter 75 & EAA Chapter 410 will host the August potluck at the Geneseo Airport Pilot Lounge & Educational Facility that is located on the Geneseo Airpark-Airport (3G8)
 1. **Main Menu:** Hotdogs and brats
 2. **NOTES:** Travis Baldwin contacted Kent Johnson, and Kent Johnson will once again host the potluck at 3G8. Kent & EAA Chapter 410 will provide the hotdogs and brats. It will be the responsibility of EAA Chapter 75 to provide the drinks. In the past, if there are any leftovers, we have brought drinks from Jim Smith's cookout and the Emergency Aircraft Repair.

Additional Notes: Each potluck will start at NOON and end at approximately 2:00 PM.

REQUIRED MOTIONS. Name is the point of contact responsible for action / leading discussion.

Adam Santic - Any required motion in preparation for Summer Potlucks?

Craig Olson - Any required motion in preparation for EAR?

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OTHER BOARD DISCUSSION TOPICS -

1. Young Eagles Program - 2024 Schedule and Pilot Shortage

YOUNG EAGLES 2024 SCHEDULE				
Date	AP	Group	Status	Contact
April 20th	DVN	Girl Scouts	Private	Mary Weideman
May 18th	EZI	Girl Scouts	private	Diane Beauchamp
May 11th	SQI	Private Schools	Private	Larry Williams
June 16th	3G8	Airport	Public	Bob Johnson
July ?	DVN	Airport	Public	Jake Sachleben Revv
				John Stephens CAP

Greg Stopyra:

As you look towards our 2024 Young Eagle campaign, could you please provide feedback as to how you see things shaping up in terms of schedule, resources, and volunteer support?

We have a Chapter Business Meeting on 8 May and I'd like to address a couple of my significant concerns that impact our chapter. One concern I have is based on participating and observing our Young Eagles program over the past 3 years. My observation is that our biggest challenge for YE Rallies is getting consistent support from our volunteer pilots...with a small core of regulars and then occasional pilots (and ground volunteers) that seem to support for only a year or two.

There can be a number of factors causing that...and I'm not sure if there is a single root cause. I'm just concerned that our collective desire to fly young eagles is ultimately limited by our ability to recruit YE Pilots. If true, I would like to share this concern with the board to see if there is an ability for us to better support your efforts.

Bob Thomas:

Yes you are right, pilots is an issue. Not sure how to fix that. We used to get more like 7-9 planes per event and now it is more like 3-5 with Bob and I being 2 of those. Part of it is demographics. Some of our more reliable pilots have gotten too old to fly Young Eagles and some have retired permanently to the south. Every time we have a rally there is a story to tell, I need to be supplying Adam with more of those stories for the newsletter as that might encourage more folks to attend and Bob and I could be more into the recruiting idea during Saturday morning coffee time.

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We would like to have Young Eagles Coordinators place a write up in our meeting minutes asking for volunteer pilots and also publish the summer calendar of Young Eagles flights. PNB would also like to have a YE event for the build students after school on a normal build day.

2. Chapter Focus Areas (Programs & Events) - Chapter Strategy Discussion

Less of the general public is getting involved in aviation. Even less of that population is focused on aircraft building. Much of EAA Chapter 75's 64 year history was built upon a solid foundation of pilot / builders to support our various programs. Our current chapter spans 4 generations of memberships. The distribution of members within those generations is not equal...we are very top heavy. As such, we must be more actively aware of how this affects our programs to ensure we can continue to succeed in areas most important to the chapter.

Current Programs

Emergency Aircraft Repair
Tool Crib
IMC club
RV-12iS Build
Tech Counselors
Flight Advisors
Young Eagles Rallies
Ray Scholarships (Matching?)
Air Academy Scholarship

- YE - 12-13yo
- Basic - 14-15yo
- Advance - 16-18yo

Events

Monthly Coffee & Donuts Social
Summer Potlucks
Holiday Party
Weekly 1500 Club
Monthly Gatherings (w/ program)
Girls in Aviation Day
EAA Chapter Leadership Training

Available EAA Programs

VMC Club
Flying Start Day (Learn to Fly Week)
Eagle Flights
Young Eagles Build & Fly (RC Aircraft)
Young Eagles Workshop
AeroEducate

Other Events

Pancake Breakfast
PNB Student YE Flights
Airport Aviation Day
Community Outreach

Which Chapter Programs / Events are most important?

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What factors will increase risk of failure for those programs in the next 5 years?

How are we ensuring they are resourced for continued success over the next 5 years? 10 years?

What is the extended benefit of those programs to the chapter at large?

What NEW Programs / Events do we want to challenge ourselves to undertake?

OTHER CHAPTER UPDATES. Providing updates to other board members for information and comment.

It was suggested to list these additional programs and events in our next newsletter for members to comment on regarding what they'd like to see our chapter also do.

1. Greg Stopyra - 2024 Education Fundraising. Our chapter is currently operating with a +\$2089.49 balance against our 2024 Education Budget. This accounts for INCOME from 2023 Board Motion allocating \$1200 to Air Academy, \$1525 of Young Eagle Credits, \$3000 for Sonex kit sale, and \$1163.50 from Chuck-a-Puck. Expenses are \$199.01 for Ray Scholarship Computer Sim equipment and a projected \$4,600 Air Academy Expense. [If we continue to fundraise this year, we could meet our goal of \\$5,500 by November 1, 2024 to allow our chapter to receive TWO \(2\) Matching Ray Scholarships for 2025.](#)

2024 Budget Summary	
	Year to Date
Chapter Operating Budget	\$ 9.06
Education Budget	\$ 2,089.49
2024 Ray Scholarship (Bennett Teitle)	\$ -
EAR / Tool Room	\$ 663.93
OSH Party	\$ 245.72
Sunshine Fund	\$ 383.93
<i>Budget summary accounts for current income & expenses as well as projected 2024 budget expenditures</i>	

2. Need POC - Chapter FCC Share Policy. We need a member to develop a chapter policy for use of Flying Country Club shares for flight training use. The chapter has 14 shares for flight training use.

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Bob Thomas has agreed to be the chapter POC with the Flying Country Club. Shares are transferred to the student's name for training, then transferred back to the chapter upon completion for the next student.

3. Liz Richards / Greg Stopyra - Established PayPal Charity Account. Proposed PayPal dues renewal of \$11 to account for PayPal fees. PayPal fee is 1.99% + \$0.49 per transaction. Minus fees, online renewal would net the chapter \$10.29.

4. Need POC - Upcoming Chapter Programs. 4th Saturday Monthly, Revv Aviation at Davenport.

- 25 May -
 - MLI Air Traffic Control: High Risk Flight Areas in the QCA, OSH 2024 fly-in tips
 - QC Airshow information (we did last year)
- ?? June -
 - 4th Saturday is Airshow, do we move to last Saturday (29 Jun?)
 - Oshkosh 2024 (member led tips; MLI ATC Fly-In primer)
- 27 July -
- 24 Aug -

Other ideas: Quad Cities historic airports / airfields, Dion Carr - hand propping training, Jim Ries - Preparing for and Conducting Biennial Flight Reviews, Hangar Walks / open house, Ron Plante - QCA historic airports / airfields.

4. Need POC - Chapter Bylaw Revision. Discussed during the February meeting was the need to revise or amend the current chapter bylaws, last updated in 2012. How would the board like to proceed with this action? New bylaws will be sent to board from Greg for review, a date will be set at the May board meeting for chapter vote.

Craig Olson has volunteered to lead the bylaws revision. Carl Brown volunteered to assist.

CLOSING

Next chapter business meeting is scheduled for 5:30pm on 12 JUN at Revv Aviation Davenport. We will not have a business meeting in July.

Motion to adjourn made by Carl Brown seconded by Chris Welvaert. Meeting ended at 8:54pm.

Minutes submitted by Travis Baldwin, secretary.